

EXHIBIT 2

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

) Master File
IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,) No. 2:12-MD-02327
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PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY) JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
) U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
LITIGATION)
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO) Case No. 2:12-CV-00997
PLAINTIFFS:)
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CHERISE AND MARTY)
SPRINGER)

ORAL DEPOSITION OF
MELVYN A. ANHALT, M.D.
APRIL 1, 2016

1 ORAL DEPOSITION OF MELVYN A. ANHALT, M.D.,
2 produced as a witness at the instance of the
3 DEFENDANTS, and duly sworn, was taken in the
4 above-styled and numbered cause on the 1st of April,
5 2016, from 1:28 p.m. to 3:16 p.m., before Tamara
6 Vinson, CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported by
7 machine shorthand, at Hilton Houston Westchase, 9999
8 Westheimer Road, Ambassador Room, Houston, Texas,
9 77042, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil
10 Procedure and the provisions stated on the record or
11 attached hereto.

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ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Tamara Vinson, Court Reporter

1 information is -- was -- I wrote. I wrote the
2 information, but I'm not an English major and it was
3 rewritten so that it was punctuated better and there
4 were a couple words changed, but the thoughts were my
5 thoughts.

6 Q. Okay. And who made the corrections and
7 changes to your report?

8 A. Well, my attorney looked at it and said I
9 think, is this what you mean, and I said yeah, that's
10 what I mean and the sentence was rewritten so that it
11 explained what I meant better.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. But it was all -- all my ideas and all my
14 thoughts and things that I believe.

15 Q. Okay. And which attorney are you referring
16 to?

17 A. (Indicating) Kay Deming was the one I worked
18 with initially.

19 Q. Okay. And that's someone that's been
20 retained as your counsel or as counsel for Ethicon?

21 A. Counsel for Ethicon. I do not have a
22 counsel.

23 Q. Okay. What materials did you rely on in
24 forming your opinions that are reflected in this

1 report?

2 A. Well, most of it is an extensive experience,
3 having done TVTO since usually in the early 2000s,
4 both regular TVTs, TVTOs and all kinds of midurethral
5 slings since -- since the early 2000s and I'm still
6 doing them.

7 Q. Okay. Anything else?

8 A. Well, yes. I brought a lot of material
9 that's related to the TVT materials and some of it is
10 related to instructions of TVT. And I have a big --
11 and articles that I have perused and read over the
12 years, a big book that I brought, which is going to be
13 mainly part of tomorrow's deposition, I would think.

14 Q. Okay. Anything else that you can identify
15 that you relied on in forming your opinions in this
16 case?

17 A. Well, I went to a number of meetings. I've
18 been to the AUA. I've been to AUGS. I've been to --
19 I visited a number of people around the country who
20 were doing TVT when I first started and I watched them
21 do the TVTs and I've continued to communicate with a
22 number of people around the country who are pretty
23 well-known in these arenas and information that we've
24 exchanged at meetings. And I've sat on a couple of

1 boards where we had discussions about mesh and TVTs.
2 And it's been a long process, so it's not one single
3 thing that I can tell you that I'm relying on. Most
4 of it has been my experience.

5 (Exhibit No. 3 marked.)

6 Q. Okay. If you would now turn to Exhibit 3,
7 which is the materials and reliance list provided with
8 your report. Is that right?

9 A. Where is Exhibit 3? Here it is. Okay. Yes.

10 Q. And in that you list dozens and dozens of
11 journal articles and studies and other documents.
12 Correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And did you read each of those,
15 Doctor?

16 A. I read the summaries on just about all of
17 them and I perused it. And also I subscribed to a
18 thing that every day I get a summary of any article
19 that's written about urological things around the
20 country and it's usually about a five or six-sentence
21 summary. And so I get a lot of things that -- the
22 conclusions and what they're trying to prove. It's
23 called Medscape and it comes on my little handheld
24 Apple phone.

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1 THE STATE OF TEXAS:
COUNTY OF FT. BEND:

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3 I, Tamara Vinson, a Certified Shorthand
Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of
4 Texas, do hereby certify that the facts as stated by
me in the caption hereto are true; that the above and
5 foregoing answers of the witness, MELVYN A. ANHALT,
M.D., to the interrogatories as indicated were made
before me by the said witness after being first duly
6 sworn to testify the truth, and same were reduced to
typewriting under my direction; that the above and
7 foregoing deposition as set forth in typewriting is a
full, true, and correct transcript of the proceedings
8 had at the time of taking of said deposition.

9 I further certify that I am not, in any
capacity, a regular employee of the party in whose
10 behalf this deposition is taken, nor in the regular
employ of his attorney; and I certify that I am not
11 interested in the cause, nor of kin or counsel to
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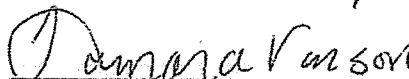
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13 this, the 10 day of April, 2016.

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